

HOW UNCLE SAM IS TEACHING ISTHMIAN REPUBLICS TO CLEAN UP

F. Meredith Jones, timber expert in the employ of the Santa Fe Railway system, who has been touring South America in the interests of this company, sends The Optic another very interesting letter from Panama, where he now is. Mr. Jones graphically describes his experiences while in quarantine. His letter reads:

Panama Quarantine Station,
October 6th, 1909.

Quarantined.
Oh my! Were you ever in prison? If so, you know something about it. I reached Panama harbor on the morning of the 2nd, and was sent to quarantine. Not that I was sick, or had been exposed to any contagious disease, nor even that I had come from an infected port. It only meant that Uncle Sam is punishing the traveling public, in trying to force the South American republics to clean up.

I had some company, all the passengers on board, and one member of the crew.

We waited on deck, while the quarantine doctor had lunch with the captain, after which we were hustled into row boats and taken to the station, where lunch was already over, so we sat on the porch and chewed gum until dinner time at 6 p. m.

The location is a small rocky island (200 by 700 feet), a couple of miles from Panama. We found everything new and in proper order. Perfect water system, elegant baths, good table, good service and good beds (three in a room and hunt the bath room to wash.) The regulations are very strict. The resident physician has his own private house. His assistant, or steward, takes his meals in the general dining room behind a screen. Incidentally he listens to the comments of the prisoner-passengers.

My first break was to cross the dead line that separated me from the second-class prisoner-passengers. I was quickly marched back by a big Jamaica nigger attendant. I then learned that the one main building and its immediate door yard, only, were at my disposal. I could not even send across the little span of water that separates us from Panama for my mail. Nor did I have the privilege of sending off mail. I don't mean to say that mail is prohibited, but there are no facilities. Almost no communication with the main land.

No postage stamps to be had, no stationery, no cigars nor tobacco, no books or periodicals of any kind, no games of cards, chess or checkers. Absolute idleness is forced upon the prisoner-passengers. Even the attendants are averse to talking. It is not surprising that the people who are held prisoners here become disgruntled and discontented, and complain of everything, even the living, which I consider equal to the best hotels of Panama. As I entered the place, I met three people who were just leaving. They seemed anxious to enter into conversation and tell me that the institution was a robbery, and that the whole layout was very bum.

We had just come up from the west coast of Colombia, where periodicals are almost unknown, and were hungry for reading matter. I had a couple of old magazines, having been using them to press botanical specimens. My fellow sufferers kept these busy, and I kept punching at the steward for something else. At the end of the second day he brought out a copy of the Canal Record, a 10x12 inch eight-page compilation of statistics. Trunkful for small favors, I read it through, and am inclosing it as an exhibit.

A little reading matter, and the facility of a few harmless games and some courtesy from the officials, would add much to the pleasure and contentment of the prisoner-passengers.

Since this station was opened in March last, there has been one fatal case of bubonic plague, and two cases of yellow fever, one fatal. The separate buildings for patients with these diseases may be seen on the right of the island. They are set up on concrete columns, and are entirely surrounded by water in time of high tide.

The strict quarantine regulations have probably done much to suppress and keep out yellow fever from the canal zone, but, at the same time, it is a great inconvenience to the traveling public. Passengers from the south, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Chili almost invariably lose their steamer connections. Everybody dreads the quarantining, but possibly if he were coming into port on a cough he might look at it in a different light.

F. MEREDITH JONES.

have grown out of the administration of the public lands and the forest reserves. Word has been sent to District Forester A. C. Ringland of Albuquerque to participate in the conference.

The U. S. land office at Santa Fe announces that the plat of fractional township 13 N., R. 2 W., has been filed and that said township will be open to entry under the land laws on November 28, 1909. The township is located in southwestern Sandoval county.

A. C. Price of Raton was seriously injured last Sunday while hunting deer in the Sugarite canyon. He sighted a deer and in his anxiety to take a shot at it, slipped over a boulder and fell into a crevice in the rocks. He was picked up unconscious and taken to his home in an automobile.

A telegram was received in Albuquerque from San Francisco announcing the death there of Elia Gradi, who went to the California city some time ago for his health. Deceased was a brother of L. Gradi, proprietor of the Montezuma hotel in the Duke city. The remains will be brought to Albuquerque for interment.

Mrs. H. B. Holt narrowly escaped death or fearful injury while returning home in Las Cruces one night recently. The horse took fright and ran the buggy into the curbing, upsetting and smashing it. Mrs. Holt was thrown to the ground and somewhat shaken, besides being bruised about the left eye and cheek. Mrs. Holt's escape from death was almost miraculous.

Superintendent of Public Instruction J. E. Clark has mailed to Hillsboro, one of his model plans with specifications for a three room, modern school building to cost about \$2,000. The superintendent recommends adobe for building material in preference to other material. The building is in Mission style, convenient and up-to-date in every respect. Both exterior and interior will also be very pleasing and artistic in appearance.

Efforts are being made by the officers at Santa Rosa to locate a young man of 19 or 20 who went to Santa Rosa last Tuesday morning and who has strangely disappeared. He gave his name as Charles Collins and stated that his father resided about 30 miles south of Roswell. He made several purchases at the local stores, among them a suit of clothes, and that evening spent some time at the White House saloon on the outskirts of the city, and appeared to have plenty of money, which he spent freely. Foul play is suspected.

Application for an inquiry into the sanity of Richard Sweeney, an old resident of Albuquerque, was made yesterday before Judge Abbott by O. N. Marron and Alfred Grunsfeld as chairman of the county board. The court appointed John S. Beaven commissioner to conduct the inquiry. Mr. Sweeney is well known to many people of the Duke city, having resided there for many years. He has been confined in the county jail, although he is not violent, because it was considered safer for him as well as others. The inquiry into his mental condition will be pursued at once.

St. Vrain, N. M., is becoming quite a broom corn market. While there was not a heavy acreage there last year, there were many of the new settlers in the country to the northwest and tributary to that town who raised good crops and who are bringing this into that place and to Melrose, eight miles west, for market. Eastern buyers are trying to get all they can from the fields there and the offering some very fancy prices in cases. This it is believed there, will stimulate the farmers to put out a big acreage for next year. Broom corn is one crop that will thrive in that section if given anything like proper care.

At the Hudson-Fulton celebration at Flushing, New York, Judge L. Bradford Prince, of this territory but formerly of New York, made the principal address of the occasion, and his speech is printed in full in the papers of Flushing, which speak of it, editorially, as an effort of rare merit, and say that at its conclusion the great audience which had listened to the speaker with marked interest, gave him an enthusiastic vote of thanks. A hasty perusal of the address as printed shows that it was in the judge's usual happy and forceful style, and must have been remarkably interesting to the people of a town of whose history he had constituted a conspicuous part.

T. S. Glide, of San Francisco, Cal., has presented the Non-Sectarian Benevolent society the handsome prize ram, which was to have been exhibited at the territorial fair at Albuquerque, and the ladies are going to sell the animal to the highest bidder, the date of the sale to be announced within a day or two. The ram was shipped from California nearly three

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weeks ago and should have arrived in Albuquerque in plenty of time to be exhibited at the fair last week. It did not reach there until Monday, however, and Mr. Glide turned it over to the Benevolent society with instructions to sell it and keep the proceeds. The animal is very valuable, the holder of many blue ribbons and it is likely that there will be some lively bidding between sheepmen when the ram is disposed of.

Under the direction of Coach C. B. Ellis the girls' basketball team of New Mexico university at Albuquerque is practicing regularly. While no phenomenal stars have been developed so far the coach is optimistic of a successful season for the team. He has not yet picked the personnel of the team that will represent the university and probably will not do so until the beginning of the season. This will be early in November. At that time the Trinidad team will be there for the first game of the schedule, which will include six games. The Trinidad team hopes to arrange its games with the university girls for a Friday evening, playing the Y. W. C. A. team on the Saturday night following.

Celery growing is to be another paying crop in the Mesilla valley. There is quite an acreage near Las Cruces this season and the plants are doing fine. J. A. Williams just north of that town has a fine celery patch and is experimenting on the difference of soil. He has his plants where the soil varies; it was originally all heavy adobe, but near the ditch considerable of the ditch soil has mixed with the adobe, and up to this time the plants near the ditch are putting on a better growth than that in the heavy adobe. He attributes this to the fact that the lighter soil works up better and does not blind the plants and then the lighter soil can be worked after an irrigation several days earlier than the heavy.

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LAS VEGAS HEAD DELEGATES TO DRY FARMING CONGRESS

Santa Fe, N. M., Oct. 21.—Governor Curry has named the following delegates to represent New Mexico at the forthcoming Dry Farming congress which meets next week at Billings, Mont:

D. T. Hoskins, Geo. A. Fleming, N. S. Belden, Dr. J. M. Cunningham, Ralph E. Twitnell, East Las Vegas; J. D. Tinsley, Mesilla Park; H. B. Henning, Albuquerque; William Honeyfield, Bell; Glidden Hinman, Maxwell City; L. C. VonHecke, Fort Sumner; Frank N. Page, Buchanan; C. H.

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NEW MEXICO NEWS

Sancho Gonzales was acquitted at Roswell of the charge of having insulted the American flag during a celebration in that city.

The Tabor-Vogt company of Glorieta, Santa Fe county, adjudged a bankrupt recently, has appealed to the United States supreme court.

Jose Maldonado, an old soldier living at Canada, a few miles out of Santa Fe, died yesterday from the effects of dropsy. The deceased was eighty years of age and was well known in Santa Fe.

The two Albuquerque aeronauts who ascended in a balloon Tuesday, alighted at Lucia, at the foot of the

Pedernal mountains in Torrance county, after a trip of 90 miles during which they reached an altitude of almost 13,000 feet.

The internal revenue collector at Santa Fe has been authorized to appoint two extra deputy internal revenue collectors to assist in the preparation of the schedules and the work of collecting the corporation tax.

Andres Lucero, brother-in-law of Melquidez Madrid, twenty-eight years old, died at Mesilla, N. M., from the effects of being caught in a hay feeder which necessitated amputation. He leaves a widow and two children.

T. B. Burns and a large delegation of citizens from Rio Arriba have arrived in Santa Fe to meet Secretary of the Interior Ballinger on Saturday to discuss with him problems that

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